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## CHAPTER II

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Proposed Class:  
Subclass:

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(ENTRY INTO U.S. NATIONAL PHASE UNDER CHAPTER II)

PCT/GB2003/001715	22 April 2003 (22.04.03)	03 July 2002 (3.07.02)
International Application No.	International Filing Date	Priority Date Claimed

TRUNKING AND COUPLING MEANS THEREFOR

Title of Invention

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I. Applicant herewith submits to the United States Elected Office (EO/US) the following items under 35 U.S.C. § 371:

- a. This express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. § 371(f)).
- b. The U.S. National Fee (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(1)) and other fees (37 C.F.R. § 1.492) as indicated below:

2. Fees

CLAIMS FEE*	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS	23 - 20 =	3	x \$ 50.00 =	\$150.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	5 - 3 =	2	x \$ 200.00 =	400.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$ 360.00	\$0.00
BASIC FEE	Basic Application Filing Fee				300.00
SEARCH FEE	Utility Application Search Fee				500
EXAMINATION FEE	Utility Examination Fee				200
	Total of above Calculations				= 1,550.00
SMALL ENTITY	Reduction by 1/2 for filing by small entity, if applicable. Assertion must be made. (note 37 C.F.R. § 1.27)				- 775.00
	Subtotal				775.00
	Total National Fee				\$775.00
	Fee for recording the enclosed assignment document \$40.00 (37 C.F.R. § 1.21(h)). See Item 13 below). See attached "ASSIGNMENT COVER SHEET".				0.00
TOTAL	Total Fees enclosed				\$775.00

\*See attached Preliminary Amendment Reducing the Number of Claims.

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$775.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-1351 (Order No. UDL1P016).

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

**Assertion of Small Entity Status**

Applicant hereby asserts status as a small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

3. A copy of the International application as filed (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is transmitted herewith.
4. A translation of the International application into the English language (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(2)) is not required as the application was filed in English.
5. Amendments to the claims of the International application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)) have not been transmitted. Applicant chose not to make amendments under PCT Article 19.

Date of mailing of Search Report (from form PCT/ISA/210): 30 July 2003.

6. A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (38 U.S.C. § 371(c)(3)) has not been transmitted for reasons indicated at point 5(c) above.
7. An oath or declaration of the inventor (35 U.S.C. § 371(c)(4)) complying with 35 U.S.C. § 115 will follow.

**II. Other document(s) or information included:**

8. An International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210) or Declaration under PCT Article 17(2)(a) is transmitted herewith.
9. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 is transmitted herewith.

Also transmitted herewith is/are Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B) and copies of citations listed.

**13. Additional documents:**

- a. Copy of request (PCT/RO/101)
- b. International Publication No. WO 2004/006400
  - i. Specification, claims and drawing
- c. Preliminary amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121)
- d. Return Receipt Postcard

14. The above items are being transmitted before 30 months from any claimed priority date.

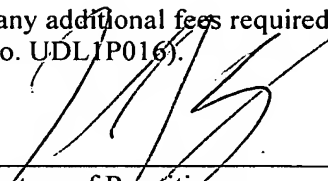
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**AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES**

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